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March 2, 1996

Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave  
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Dear Eric,

As you may know, in my "day job" I am the executive director of AIDS-Related Community Services (ARCS), a not-for-profit community service organization providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS-related services to residents of the seven county region immediately north of New York City. Our catchment area includes Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, and Dutchess counties. We are the second largest organization of its kind in New York State, employing 93 staff members, providing counseling, case management, support groups, advocacy, education, transportation, food, emergency funds, child care, HIV-antibody testing, and training. We provide services to thousands of individuals and families in the general community each year. Additionally, we have specialized programs providing full-time services in drug treatment centers, state prisons, and county jails.

This is a particularly difficult year for us. The budget impasse in Washington is preventing the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act which provides a significant amount of our funding. Additionally, the difficult budget process in New York State will result in funding delays. Even when both of these budget processes are completed, we expect there to be decreased funding available for our programs.

ARCS is doing everything we can to maintain our critical services. We need to become as independent of government funding as possible. Therefore, our development efforts have become significantly enhanced.

On May 5th, 1996, ARCS is sponsoring Walkabout AIDS '96, a fundraising walk through the Westchester community in support of the continuation of our services. I'm writing to you to ask you to sponsor me in this walk.

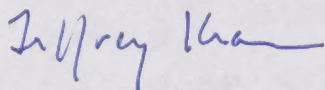
Generally, I keep my two worlds of "day job" and "photograph dealer/collector" separate. But these are fairly desperate times regarding HIV/AIDS funding, and that's why I'm asking you for assistance.



If you care about HIV & AIDS in our society, or if you just want to do me a favor, please make out a generous check to "ARCS-Walkabout AIDS" and send it to me at the above address right away.

Thank you in advance for your contribution. I sincerely appreciate your support. Please feel free to call me at (914) 255-7913 if you have any questions. ARCS is a 501 (c)3 corporation and all contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Kraus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffrey Kraus



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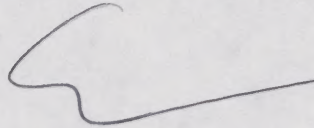
Dear Jeff:

Mixing numismatics with other social problems is not appealing to me. We have very many AIDS organizations here and they all solicit. We can only support a few and it is difficult to select which ones.

I don't like to turn anyone down but I am sure you understand.

Thank you for asking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Eric P. Newman', with a stylized, sweeping line.

Eric P. Newman